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SUBJECT: MINNESOTA GALLERY ART EXCHANGE

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FROM SCHISSLER OF MINNESOTA
GALLERY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR CAO JOHNSON.

(BEGIN TEXT.) PLEASE NOTIFY BUTROVA AND RUNOV, DIRECTOR
OF INGOSSTRAKH, THAT WE ACCEPT INGOSSTRAKH INSURANCE SUB-
JECT TO FOLLOWING CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

QUOTE: DISPATCHING SIDE AGREES THAT IN THE EVENT OF LOSS
OR DAMAGE RECOVERY, IF ANY, SHALL BE LIMITED TO SUCH
AMOUNT AS MAY BE PAID BY INSURER (INGOSSTRAKH) HEREBY
RELEASING RECEIVING SIDE, PARTICIPATING AMERICAN MUSEUMS,
THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM LIABILITY FOR
ANY AND ALL CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF SUCH LOSS OR DAMAGE.

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UNQUOTE.

THIS WORDING IS TYPICAL OF LOAN AGREEMENTS AND INSURANCE
EMPLOYED BY METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART IN NEW YORK AND
OTHER MAJOR AMERICAN MUSEUMS CONCERNING LOAN EXHIBITIONS,

BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL.

ALSO PLEASE INFORM BUTROVA AND RUNOV THAT GRANT STIPULATIONS DICTATE USE OF A US BROKER TO HELP WITH TRANSFER OF MONEY, ETC. WE DESIGNATE HUNTINGTON T. BLOCK, 2101 L STREET NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20037, AS OUR BROKER. IF TERMS ARE ACCEPTED, MR. BLOCK WILL BE CONTACTING MR. RUNOV OF INGOSSTRAKH DIRECTLY CONCERNING THE IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF OUR INITIAL PREMIUM PAYMENT OF \$5,000. WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE RUNOV AND BUTROVA RESPOND THROUGH YOU RATHER THAN DEPEND ON DYUZHEV, WHO DOES NOT SEEM TO HANDLE THINGS IN MOST EFFICIENT WAY. WE URGENTLY NEED CONFIRMATION ON THIS MATTER SO THAT MONEY MAY BE TRANSFERRED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15 WHEN FIRST SHIPMENT OF WORKS OF ART IS TO BE DISPATCHED.

BUTROVA OFFERED ADDITIONAL EXHIBITION OF ABOUT 40 RARE FIRST EDITIONS OF 19TH CENTURY BOOKS FROM LENIN LIBRARY -- PUSHKIN, GOGOL, LERMONTOV ETC. WE ACCEPTED HER OFFER CONTINGENT UPON INCLUSION OF THESE ADDITIONAL ITEMS UNDER SHIPPING AND INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS AT NO ADDITIONAL COST. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT SOVIETS UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THESE CONDITIONS. (END TEXT.)

2. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
CHRISTOPHER

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